

SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Smannell Parish Council held at the Smannell & Enham CE Primary School Hall at 19.15hrs on Monday 6 June 2011

Members Present: Cllr. Rod Bowker (Chairman), Cllr. Richard Budge, Cllr. Cyril Loveridge

In attendance

Borough Cllr. Alex Brook
Debbie Burgess
Phil Duke
Ian Richardson
Allan Mitchener
Bill Whitmore

182. Apologies

Cllr. John Page
County Cllr. Pam Mutton
Borough Cllr. Phil North
Borough Cllr. Janet Whiteley

183. Public Question not on the Agenda

A member of the public questioned the latest position with regard to broadband provision within the parish. Members were of the belief that it was possible end of July or the first week in August when some kind of broadband system will be in operation. It was understood that the Hampshire County Council pilot project is being pursued.

ACTION

The Chairman requested the Parish Clerk to obtain an update on broadband provision from Margaret Henstock.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the future of neighbourhood watch and the Chairman reported that there has been no feedback.

184. Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

185. To read and approve Minutes of the Full Council Meeting – 9 May 2011

The Minutes were Proposed by Cllr. Cyril Loveridge, Seconded by Cllr. Richard Budge and unanimously agreed. Motion Carried.

ACTION

Members requested that pursuant to Minute 178, the Parish Clerk chase County Cllr. Pam Mutton with regard to the timeframe of the road works from Smannell to Little London.

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Pursuant to Minute 180, the Parish Clerk was asked to chase County Cllr. Pam Mutton on details of the register of volunteers.

186. Correspondence Received

All previous correspondence had been circulated among councillors and no matters were raised.

187. To receive a report from the Smannell & Enham Primary School

None received.

188. To consider and approve cheque payments for Smannell Parish Council and update on the latest financial position of the Parish Council

The Parish Clerk presented the latest bank account statements and reported on the balances on the accounts. The payment schedule amounted to £1,106.80. This was made up of a payment of £76.25 to Allen Mitchener, £21.00 to Test Valley Borough Council for a temporary events licence, £769.55 reimbursement to the Parish Clerk (refund of personal payments for AON insurance renewal of £347.17, ATF Supplies of £110.38 and JHA Accounts of £312.00) and £240.00 representing the Parish Clerk's salary for April and May of £120.00 per month respectively. It was Proposed by Cllr. Cyril Loveridge, Seconded by Cllr. Richard Budge and unanimously agreed to approve the cheque payments as presented. Motion Carried.

189. To approve and complete the Annual Audit Return for 2010/2011

The Parish Clerk presented the final annual audit return for the accounts of the Parish Council for the financial year end 31 March 2011. It was Proposed by Cllr. Rod Bowker, Seconded by Cllr. Richard Budge and unanimously agreed to approve the Annual Audit Return for 2010/2011. Motion Carried. The accounts were duly completed and signed.

190. To discuss Smannell Parish Boundaries

The Chairman introduced this subject as he was keen to establish the advantages and disadvantages of the processes involved in requesting a boundary review especially in light of the new development at Augusta Park and its residents. The Parish Clerk explained the process of boundary reviews. The development area is going to have a significant effect on the Borough Council's electoral arrangements.

At sometime between now and 2015 the Local Government Boundary Commission will be reviewing the Borough's electoral arrangements and this development will have to be taken into account in balancing the ratio of the number of councillors

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against the number of electors. It is inevitable that the Borough Ward boundaries will need to change to achieve this. At the same time as this change is made, it would be possible to change the parish boundaries and this may be the time to make such a significant change in the Smannell parish boundary.

A discussion took place as to the current parish boundary but the belief was that the boundary runs along Icknield Way along the old railway line but it was unclear as to the boundary across the footpaths. The Chairman believed that a cost benefit analysis coupled with the social effects, risk evaluation and potential impacts of the procedure should be produced. Members debated the feasibility of a possible referendum and of calling an open meeting to gauge opinion from residents. It was felt that at this stage, a paper be produced to understand the procedures and impacts with possible options prior to any further action being taken.

It was Proposed by Cllr. Richard Budge, Seconded by Cllr. Cyril Loveridge and unanimously agreed that a paper be produced outlining the pros and cons of a boundary review and to investigate options for further consideration. Motion Carried.

ACTION

The Parish Clerk to develop a paper outlining the pros and cons of a boundary review and to investigate options for further consideration.

191. To determine planning applications

None received.

192. To provide an update on footpaths and roads

None recorded.

193. To provide an update on the playing fields and to discuss Music in the Park arrangements

Members discussed when the next meeting of the LLPF Committee meeting should take place. It was decided that the next meeting takes place on 7 June 2011 at 7.00pm and that Cllrs. Rod Bowker and Cyril Loveridge attend to represent the Parish Council.

Debbie Burgess reported that arrangements for the Music in the Park were progressing well. The Parish Clerk confirmed that he was applying for the temporary events licence. It was felt important to seek clarification on insurance implications and liability for third parties attending this event from the Parish Council insurers.

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ACTION

Members requested that the Parish Clerk ensures that the Parish Council's insurance is extended to cover third party liability.

Phil Duke handed the Parish Clerk the PAT testing process for the LLPF Committee for the formal record and filing.

194. Borough and County Council Reports

None recorded.

195. Councillor Questions

None recorded.

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05 hours.